



Skills for study
work and life



Dear colleagues,

I hope this message finds you all in great spirits, particularly as we move out of Adult Learning Week which incorporates International Literacy Day (September 8).

It is with immense pleasure and excitement that I introduce myself as the new Chairperson of the ACFE Board. I am truly honored to join this esteemed organisation and work alongside such a talented and dedicated group of individuals.

I would like to acknowledge the impactful work of my predecessor, Ms. Maria Peters and outgoing Board member, Dr. Win Scott. We are joined by two new board members, Kate Gaffney and Ann Maree Playfair. Each bringing their expertise and energy to the Board.

Throughout my own career in education, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of education in people's individual lives, and collectively, our communities. It is this experience that fuels my passion and commitment to our shared mission.

The ACFE Board and the Learn Local sector play a pivotal and unique role in shaping the educational landscape. It enables individuals to access quality education and training, connect socially and, often aspire to fulfil their potential and their dreams. The recent Victorian Training Awards provided an opportunity to celebrate the sector's work and applaud the commitment of the finalists ... and winner VACCHO.

As the ACFE Board, we will continue to uphold the organisation's values and mission, striving for excellence in all that we do. This is part of the shared responsibility we all have.

I am a firm believer in the power of collaboration and open communication, so I encourage every one of you to take advantage of the various ways you can share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns as we continue this exciting journey together.

I look forward to meeting each of you personally and learning more about your contributions to ACFE.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received, and I am excited to embark on this incredible journey with all of you.

Teresa De Fazio

Chairperson - ACFE

Learn Local Community Newsletter

Access program advice, guidelines, tools, event alerts, and other important communications to support Learn Local community.



Upcoming Events

[2024 ACFE Training Delivery Expression of Interest- Information Session](#)

The EOI process for 2024 ACFE Board training delivery is expected to open on Monday, 28 August 2023 and close on Friday, 15 September 2023

[Registration open for professional development sessions for Learn Local trainers](#)

Registrations are now open for a professional development session on Skills for Work and Study– Early Childhood Education Levels 1 and 2 for Learn Local trainers.



[2023 Learn Local Awards](#)

Nominate a superstar learner, trainer or program for the 2023 Learn Local Awards now! Find out about the award categories, nomination information and partnership opportunities.

Nominations closing soon. Submit by 11.59pm on Sunday 10 September!

[Nominate Now](#)

Recent updates

[Expression of Interest Process for ACFE 2024 Training Delivery.](#)

This comprises General Pre-accredited Training Delivery and Additional Digital Literacy Skills Places. EOI opens on Monday, 28 August and closes on Friday, 15 September 2023.

[Eligibility criteria update for the Asylum Seeker VET \(ASVET\) Program, Youth Access Initiative and Reconnect Program](#)

From 11 July 2023, an individual or dependants of individuals are eligible to participate in the Asylum Seeker VET (ASVET) Program.

Need to know

[Learn Local working with employers](#)

Be inspired to take an active approach in relation to working with employers to help address the foundation skills challenges of workforces for sustainable employment outcomes for learners.

[2023 Learn Local-Industry Just in Time initiative](#)

Reminder: 2023 Just in Time initiative remains open for applications assessed upon receipt until 31 October 2023.

Stories from the Sector



Empowering life through language

Having arrived in Australia from Thailand eight years ago without any English proficiency, Jang faced significant barriers in communication. Determined to overcome these challenges, she found her path through the Learn Local program at the Community Learning Centre in Rowville.

Enrolling in the Learn Local program proved to be a transformative step for Jang. Jang's story exemplifies the transformative power of education. Her journey from a place of linguistic isolation to becoming an active and included member of her community demonstrates the positive ripple effects that improving language skills can bring. Read her story [HERE](#)



Overcoming Obstacles and Fostering Empowerment

Omer's journey began as a refugee from Burundi, facing challenges that surpassed borders - new country, language, and a severe leg injury. Amidst these struggles, he found strength in the Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council's Conversation English and Reading Café Class.

Omer's remarkable progress, from a hesitant learner to a confident communicator and reader, amazed his mentors. Read his story [HERE](#)



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